

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 16-31 are pending, in which claims 1-15 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to any continuation that may be filed.

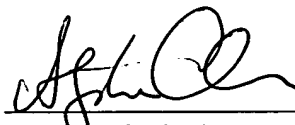
Entry of this amendment is proper because the amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, the final Office Action indicated that remaining claims 16-31 are allowed.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at 703-425-8516 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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